

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MICHAEL TELLIS,

Case No. 3:23-cv-00489-MMD-CSD

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

ROBERT SUWE, et al.,

Defendants.

This action began with a pro se civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 5). Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter.

The Court entered a screening order on June 14, 2024. (ECF No. 7). The screening order imposed a 90-day stay and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 7, 10). The Office of the Attorney General has filed a status report indicating that settlement has not been reached and informing the Court of its intent to proceed with this action. (ECF No. 15). Plaintiff filed a motion to stay the case so that the parties can mediate again. (ECF No. 16). The Court denies the motion to further stay the case. The parties are free to engage in settlement discussions on their own outside of the Inmate Early Mediation Program.

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 5) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

1 2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without
2 the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security
3 therefor.

4 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, the Nevada Department of Corrections will
5 forward payments from the account of **Michael Tellis, #1062008** to the Clerk of the United
6 States District Court, District of Nevada, 20% of the preceding month's deposits (in
7 months that the account exceeds \$10.00) until the full \$350 filing fee has been paid for
8 this action. The Clerk of the Court will send a copy of this order to the Finance Division
9 of the Clerk's Office. The Clerk will send a copy of this order to the attention of **Chief of**
10 **Inmate Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections** at
11 formapauperis@doc.nv.gov.

12 4. The Clerk of the Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and
13 a copy of Plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 8) on the Office of the Attorney General of the
14 State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket
15 sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

16 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order
17 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

18 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 7), within twenty-
19 one (21) days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office shall file a
20 notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it
21 accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service,
22 and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address
23 information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney
24 General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file, under seal, but shall not serve
25 the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such
26 information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney
27 General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).
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8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named defendant(s), such defendant(s) shall file and serve an answer or other response to the complaint (ECF No. 8) within sixty (60) days from the date of this order.

10. This case is no longer stayed.

11. The motion to stay (ECF No. 16) is denied.

DATED THIS 19th day of September 2024.

CSB
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE